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MVD ADOPTS NEW, IMPROVED REGULATIONS FOR OBTAINING DRIVERS
LICENSES

SANTA FE – The state Taxation & Revenue Department has adopted new regulations that require all applicants for a New Mexico driver's license or identification card, including foreign nationals, to provide two verifiable forms of identification before obtaining a license.

The new regulations, which go into effect Oct. 1, are designed to raise the standards of the state's verification process by verifying all identification numbers with the issuing agency.

"All New Mexicans deserve to have a safe, secure, verifiable process for obtaining a drivers license," stated MVD Director Ken Ortiz.

The new regulations replace the old process, which allowed people to obtain a driver's license by showing only one form of identification.

All applicants for a driver's license will now be required to present a Social Security card or document that allows MVD to verify a social security number, along with one other form of identification, such as a birth certificate or marriage certificate.

Those people without a Social Security number will be required to show a tax identification number or an alternative such as a Matricula Consular issued after Feb. 1, 2005 by the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque or El Paso, or a foreign passport, to obtain a New Mexico driver's license or identification card. That alternative to a Social Security number will be in addition to the second form of ID, which will be required of all drivers.

New Mexico Homeland Security Director Tim Manning said the state worked with Mexican officials to ensure that Mexican identification can be verified with confidence. That is why only Matricula Consular issued after Feb. 1, 2005 will be accepted in the future as an alternative to a Social Security number.

“We appreciate the cooperation we received from the Mexican government, which recognized our desire to safeguard our driver’s licenses against fraud, while still providing verifiable alternatives for drivers to obtain a valid New Mexico driver’s license,” Manning said.

These new and improved changes are based on the American Bar Association, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) Drivers License Agreement, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Federal Highway Administration, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) Drivers License Agreement that allows access to the multi-state problem driver pointer system to get driving records and DL status from other states. MVD customers will have new flexibility in terms of submitting independent proofs of identification documents, ensuring a new level of verification.